I have only had xm radio since feb, and the weather/traffic started in March, but my comment in the past to my husband regarding the delayed traffic reports given on AM station (which are never clear by the way and only given every 10 min if you know what station they are on in the city you are travelling in). But you can be in the midst of an accident and the am station won't have it right, even though you hear their helicopter overhead, but 10 min later, when you can't get out of the jamb, they seem to suddenly have an awareness of an accident. the xm instant report is definitely instant, and when you are travelling to other cities, such as Chicago which others do in the detroit metro area, then you can access their traffic and it is always clear. as opposed to even knowing a station to get a traffic or weather report when travelling out of your home town. I really don't understand what the big deal is.